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*Gladys Cromwell*

What Beauty need I own  
When the symbol satisfies?  
I follow services  
Of tree and cloud and stone.  
Color floods the world;  
I am swayed by sympathy;  
Love is a litany  
In leaf and cloud unfurled.

STAR SONG

There are twisted roots that grow  
Even from a fragile white anemone.  
But a star has no roots; to and fro  
It floats in the light of the sky, like a water-lily,  
And fades on the blue flood of day.

A star has no roots to hold it,  
No living lonely entity to lose.  
Floods of dim radiance fold it;  
Night and day their silent aura transfuse;  
But no change a star can bruise.

A star is adrift and free.  
When day comes, it floats into space and complies;  
Like a spirit quietly,  
Like a spirit, amazed in a wider paradise  
At mortal tears and sighs.

*Gladys Cromwell*